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## **LIBERTY WOMAN INDICTED FOR COMPUTER FRAUD, ID THEFT**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Liberty, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for computer fraud and identity theft.

**Melissa A. Davidson**, 26, of Liberty, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Davidson** accessed a protected computer without authorization on April 12, 2000, with the intent of obtaining a Citibank credit card in the name of an existing Citibank customer.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Davidson** committed credit card fraud on April 21, 2000, by using a credit card in the name of a Citibank customer to obtain payments and other things of value exceeding \$1,000 during a one-year period.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Davidson** accessed a protected computer without authorization on April 12, 2000, in attempt to further an intended fraud.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Davidson** used a Citibank credit card May 1, 2000, to receive payments and other things of value exceeding \$1,000 during a one-year period.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the United States Postal Inspector, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the United States Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force.

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